

PINE KNOLL RECREATION AREA MEMBERSHIPS – 2011

Pine Knoll Recreation Area is entering the 15th season of operation. Family and Individual Memberships allow for the use of the Pool and other facilities during specific hours. Children under 16 must be supervised by an adult when in the pool area. Pool is open 9am to 7pm however 9am-4 pm the Pine Knoll day program uses the pool extensively. Saturday and Sunday the pool is open 11 -7pm. Hours subject to change. Weather permitting.

Pool Membership Fee Structure:

<u>RESIDENTS:</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY CODE</u>
Sr. Citizens (Single)	\$45.00	130200-A
Sr. Citizens (Couple)	\$55.00	130201-A
Adults (Individual)	\$65.00	120200-A
Adults (Couple)	\$75.00	120201-A
Family (3 or more)	\$95.00	130300-A



NON-RESIDENTS:

Sr. Citizens (Single)*	\$70.00	130202-A	Sr. Citizens (Couple)*	\$80.00	130203-A
Adults (Individuals)*	\$90.00	120202-A	Adults (Couple)*	\$100.00	120202-B
Family (3 or more)*			\$120.00	140202-B	

PINE KNOLL RECREATION AREA SITE RENTAL

Rental of Facilities for a “Family Reunion”, “Birthday Party” or other social gathering is possible. Cook up a hearty meal on the charcoal grills at the Pine Lodge Picnic Pavilion. Get your friends together for a game of basketball, sand volleyball, softball, kickball, soccer or tennis.

Please contact the Recreation Department for details 525-5437



Facilities at Pine Knoll

Pine Lodge sits atop the hill with a grand view of the field and diamonds below. This hall is 30’ by 60’ with an extended over hang which allows the tables to be pulled forward through the three large garage doors that open. This allows patrons to sit sheltered at the 10 8’ picnic tables while enjoying the view. The hall can accommodate 100 people. There are 2 large charcoal grills outside to cook on. Though there is no running water on site it can be brought up to the pavilion from the pool area. Persons with limited mobility or host needing to unload event supplies can drive up to the pavilion where there is also limited parking. A wheelchair accessible portable toilet is also adjacent to the site in addition to the traditional flush toilets in the pool building.

Birch Hall is located on the opposite side of the pool from Pine Lodge making it possible to have to events that don’t overlap or to expand the event to accommodate a different musical taste or additional indoor facilities on a rainy day. It is slightly smaller but has similar amenities.

The Pool is a 6 lane Olympic size swimming pool with depths from 3’ to 5’.and an adjacent wading pool with a depth of 8” It is the heart of the facility. It has cool, clear clean water, certified lifeguards, showers, lockers, umbrellas and picnic tables. It is open during the school summer vacation. It is open Sat from 9—7 pm and Sun 11—7 pm and week day evenings 5pm to 7pm for special events or members.

Sport Facilities: 1 Tennis Court, 2 Basketball Courts, Sand Volleyball, 45’ Diamond for Kickball, Whiffleball, & Soccer Fields

Brief History of Pine Knoll

Pine Knoll was previously owned and operated as the Pine Knoll Swim School by Dr Charles “RED” Silva. Red was the Men’s Swimming Coach at Springfield College for 38 years and was one of the worlds foremost authorities in aquatics, lifesaving and competitive swimming. One of his greatest swimmers won a gold medal in the 1956 Summer Olympics. Another set a record for swimming the English Channel in 1972. He was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1976. Coach Silva designed the Linkletter Natatorium which was dedicated in 1967. He retired in 1978. His devotion to teaching swimming could have been contained to his college community but instead he built the Pine Knoll facility in his backyard in order to teach the Red Cross philosophy “everyone a swimmer - everyone a lifesaver”. Many of the adults in East Longmeadow learned to swim or competed at the Pine Knoll Swim School. Red designed the pool himself and it continues to function beautifully 52 years later. That in itself is an amazing accomplishment. The Town of East Longmeadow purchased the 8 acre Pine Knoll property from Red Silva in 1996 for \$275,000. The Town’s DPW has recently renovated the PK buildings with new siding, roofing, windows, updated restrooms, electrical and constructed new parking to accommodate the EL Recreation Department’s youth baseball and soccer Kindergarten programs. East Longmeadow is lucky to have a site such as PK with it’s rich history.